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Steamer Alki Brings Down a Crowd of Men Who Left Late in November.

Dan Egan, "the Montana Kid," and His Partner Make a Fast Trip by Dog Train.

No Longer Any Danger of Starvation in the Klondike Metropolis.

Now That the Trail is Levelled There Is No Difficulty in Coming Out.

Large Amount in Dust and Drafts Said to Be in Possession of the Late Arrivals.

Mrs. J. J. McKay Makes the Trip in Company With Her Husband.

Thirty miners bringing news from Dawson City up to November 27th arrived on the steamer Alki, which called at Nanaimo on Monday evening and reached her destination, Seattle, yesterday afternoon. A dozen more men who had also reached the coast from Dawson remained at Skagway.

The party came out in twenty-three days, another in twenty-five and some without dogs made the trip to tide water in thirty-three days. Among those who came out was Mrs. J. J. McKay, of Tacoma, the first woman to make the trip. All those who arrive report that there will be no starvation in the country and that the scare is over. They estimate the output of gold this winter at from ten to twenty millions. It was John Kell, not Keller, who on the way out at Fort Selkirk was robbed of \$8,34 in gold dust, and Johnson and Elmer were arrested and tried for the offence. They were apprehended at Little Salmon, but the evidence was not sufficient to convict them and they were discharged. T. B. Corey is on the way out completely discouraged. A young man named McGuire, of Chicago, in Corey's party, froze his feet on the way out and was left at Five Fingers. He will die. Nearly all who came out will return in the spring.

The passengers by the Alki are: Capt. Ed. Barrington, M. B. Crane, J. J. McKay and wife, Dan Egan (the Montana kid), Jim Keating, W. W. Cleveland, L. W. Fox, W. E. Koswies, S. G. Coffman, C. Dugan, B. Murfin, W. A. Kersting, B. Anderson, A. Hedstrom, Wm. Folker, J. D. Barnes, H. Dobson, Geo. Monroe, S. W. Poote, C. J. Christensen, E. L. Renaud, C. P. Phillips, T. H. Mallory, Con. O'Brien, A. L. Cheney, H. G. Krook, E. A. Sather, J. Dobinski.

The last to leave Dawson were Kid Egan and W. A. Kersting. The temperature on the way out was 60 below part of the time. A furious snow storm was encountered at the summit by those coming out and it was only by the merest chance that they came through without mishap. Several dogs were lost there, and men wandered about for hours in the blinding snow. Slipping on the Yukon is very rough, and Thirty-Mile river is not frozen. All but one or two came by the Chilcoot Pass. They say that several hundred more are on the way, and that undoubtedly some will perish on the long trip. Jessie McDougall, a young lady of Fremont, lies at the point of death at Lake Labarge with inflammatory rheumatism. A man named Dobson had a narrow escape from death by drowning and nearly froze to death before a fire could be built. The soles of his feet froze and he had to make the trip out with sore feet. Capt. Barrington got a number of valuable claims. The money stolen from Kell was the proceeds of eighteen head of cattle taken in for Hibbard & Norton. Kell left the dust in a cabin rolled up in his blankets, and it was stolen while he was out.

It is estimated that not over \$150,000 in gold dust and nuggets was brought out. T. H. Mallory, of Spokane, brought the largest individual amount; he having \$25,000.

Only three or four of those who came out were at Dawson more than three months, nearly all having started in with the first rush the latter part of July. They are coming out, not so much for the reason that provisions are scarce at Dawson, as for the purpose of purchasing outfits for the next season.

The entire number of returning Dawsonites hoot at the idea of there being any starvation in Dawson this winter or next spring. When informed of the action taken by the United States government to send in a relief expedition they referred to the scheme as ridiculous and wholly unneeded for.

Over 2,000 men have come from Dawson to Fort Yukon, where there is an unlimited supply of provisions, and those left in Dawson are reported as all having three square meals a day and plenty of grub in sight to last until well along in the spring.

No sickness is reported at Dawson and everybody there is in much better circumstances than their friends on the outside imagine.

Edward Conrad, one of the Al-Ki passengers, said his party left Dawson on November 5, and that he came out to take in a supply of provisions. When asked if there is danger of starvation at Dawson and in the camps, he emphatically replied:

"No, sir. There is no great surplus of food, but there will be no starvation. From five to eight hundred went down to Fort Yukon, and probably 250 are coming out."

Concerning recent strikes Mr. Conrad said that all of the creeks in the Klondike district are turning out well, and that Sulphur Creek, Quartz Creek and Dounion Creek, in the Rainy River district, are proving to be good.

"Three miles below the mouth of Stewart River is Henderson Creek, and that is showing up well. There are about 300 men camped at the mouth of Stewart River, who will prospect Stewart River this winter."

Upon the matter of shortage Mr. Conrad says the most serious shortage is in candles and oil.

"In fact, by March or April they will need flour, beans, bacon and rice, but the statement that starvation is there is a pure fabrication, and the scare is made for the purpose of selling goods to be sent in at a high price."

When asked for an opinion upon the government relief expedition he said:

"It is a humbug and I doubt if it can get down to Dawson before the ice breaks. The men who come out and say starvation exists there are men who were there only a few weeks, got discouraged and homesick, and cry: 'Starvation!' as an excuse for coming out."

"Is it a fact, Mr. Conrad, that the late boats up the river brought more whisky than grub?"

"Yes, it is. When the Bella came up the last boat of the season—it had whisky, tobacco and women, and very little grub. To appease the miners it offered to take them free to Fort Yukon and to pay \$4 a cord for cutting wood."

T. F. Carpenter, of Seattle, left Dawson with his party on the 19th of November, stopping four days at Stewart River. He knew little regarding the reported strikes at Stewart River, but said he heard of something of the sort while stopping in that vicinity. He was very sanguine about the food situation, and laughed as he had read of the plans of the United States government to send in relief.

He said the money had better be spent in helping the steamers, loaded with supplies on the lower Yukon, when he thought of the seeming impossibilities of shipping in large stores of provisions at this season of the year, over the trails. His idea seemed to be that if food was to be taken in at government expense, the most feasible plan would be to get the food on the impulsion steamers up the river, but, then, he would not have it that there was any danger whatever of a shortage. Mr. Carpenter claimed that his party had actually made the trip out in twenty-three days of travel.

Mr. Renard, who came out with George Bassett and party, was also a passenger on the Al-Ki, and is now a guest at the Dominion hotel, having come over from Seattle this morning.

MR. TREMAYNE'S STORY.

Return of One of the Big Party of Manitobans From the Klondike.

Mr. H. H. Tremayne arrived from Dawson this morning, having left the Klondike capital on November 27th. He confirms the news brought by the other returning miners that there will be no famine in Dawson, although, he says, there is not too much food there. Regarding the miners' strike, he brings the news that it has been a failure. The men would not combine and they slowly went back to work, some at \$1 and some at \$1.50 an hour. A prime factor of the defeat of the strikers was the calm, mild weather, which kept back work; for when a hole was sunk it was soon flooded. Mr. Tremayne says that fully 600 miners were preparing to leave Dawson for the coast when he left. No more are going down to Fort Yukon, for the river is now blocked and they cannot travel.

Major Walsh was met at Big Salmon waiting the dog train being sent to him from Skagway. He has plenty of provisions and expects to leave for Dawson immediately the train arrives. The mails which are piled up at Big Salmon will be then taken to Dawson. Mr. Tremayne also tells of a big strike made on Hunker creek early in November. An 80-foot paystreak was found on claim 47, above, and a paystreak 280 feet long on 43, below. There is four feet of good dirt there, going in many cases, as high as \$1 in the pan. Mr. Tremayne and his four companions had a very rough, yet a fast trip to the coast. They came out by way of the Yukon and the chain of lakes leading to the coast. They intended to come out by way of the Dalton trail, but it is now impracticable.

Mr. Tremayne was a member of the big party of Manitobans who went to Dawson last spring with Archibald McKay. He was formerly secretary to Commissioner Chipman, of the Hudson Bay Company.

AN INTERESTING SUIT.

Right of a Union to Discharge a Non-Union Man to Be Tested in "Prisco"

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—A suit to test the right of the union to force a non-union man out of employment has commenced here. Frederick Hess has sued the Typographical Union for \$25,000 damages. He was in charge of the linotype machines in a local office and applied for membership to the union, but was rejected on the ground that he had not served his apprenticeship. The union demanded his discharge and the printers struck to enforce the demand.

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AN ABSURD REPORT.

"We may remind the Times that after libel proceedings have been instituted against a paper, the publication of anything in that paper tending to direct attention to the alleged libel is regarded by the courts as greatly aggravating the original offence."—Colonist.

According to popular report around town certain actions for libel which have been instituted against the Times and the Province have their origin in the hope that the litigation will have the effect of checking public criticism. The plan is simply to serve these papers with injunctions preventing them from criticizing the government, provided the preliminary proceedings in the police court prove successful. There is no doubt this is the government's plan. Its sole purpose is to choke off criticism; to muzzle public opinion. But the Times does not like to think that there can be any truth in the reports referred to. Surely it is impossible to believe that the judiciary of British Columbia will lend itself to such practices. The man who believes this programme will be carried out says in effect that he believes the decisions of Police Magistrate Macneil and the British Columbia bench are dictated by the government, or, in other words, that the bench is under the government's thumb.

Many people seem to believe this to be the case. The Times does not. It cannot, knowing the gentlemen who hold seats on the British Columbia bench; it is satisfied of their probity. They will do what is right, no matter what the wishes of the government may be, and if the Turner-Pooley combination thinks it can bend them to its will, it is leaning on a broken reed.

THE SUNDAY NEWSPAPER.

President McKinley was one of the congregation in the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., two Sundays ago, when Rev. Dr. Hugh Johnston, formerly of Toronto, preached a sermon on Sunday newspapers. As was to be expected, Rev. Dr. Johnston's discourse was decidedly denunciatory; in fact it was so much so as to lose value as a contribution to a very interesting discussion; a fate which all vehement expressions of opinion must suffer. Dr. Johnston viewed the Sunday newspaper entirely from one side—its power to work evil. He did not utter one word for the portion of good matter to be found in many Sunday newspapers. He said nothing about the clever informative articles; the bright glimpses into current literature, art science and politics; not to mention the special religious articles with which they teem, and the valuable work that is done by many of them in bringing the best teachings of philosophy and religion home to readers who are not reached by church influence. Dr. Johnston scored a point, however, when he contrasted the state of Massachusetts with twenty-seven of the Western States. Massachusetts, which was cradled and bred in the blue laws, has been the mother of hundreds of men famous in the history of the country; while the twenty-seven States he referred to have produced only forty men who are known to the world. But Massachusetts is several hundred years old; many of the Western States barely fifty. This is how Dr. Johnston depicts the Sunday newspaper:

"The Sunday newspaper is the embodiment of a so-called liberality, which is rather only looseness. They fill pages with politics, murders, suicides, disasters, sensations and uncleanness; employ 500 swift express trains, and drop their sheets into millions of homes all over the country. They fill the Lord's day with secular thought and break down the moral sense of the people. They undermine homes by destroying the family day of rest, which is so powerful for good."

There is a good deal of truth in that; still the question remains—what can be done about it? The people demand Sunday papers; many of them will read a Sunday paper rather than go to church; and how is the Sunday newspaper to be stopped unless the reformers go to the very root of the matter and educate the young? The Sunday newspaper has grown from small beginnings to its present mammoth proportions. It is only through the schools that the evil can be checked; by the elevation of public taste and the allaying of the feverish unrest that possesses the American people now like an epidemic disease. It is exactly that strenuous, anxious, restless spirit of the American people that leads them to read such horrors as many of the American Sunday newspapers are. We believe that crying for sensation should not be pandering to, but that

wholesome, sedative reading that will produce rather profound slumber than intense cerebral agitation, should take the place of the regulation American Sunday Illustrated newspaper. If the American people could only be planted down every Sunday morning to a copy of say, the Colonist, with its magnificent religious editorial as an appetizer, we believe the American people would know (when they woke up in the evening in time for supper) what the day of rest really means, and how refreshing it is to get good, sleep-provoking literature in the home once a week.

THE EXTENDED HAND.

In spite of the squabbles that seem destined to go on forever between one section of the Canadian press and one section of the United States press, there are not wanting indications of the most gratifying description to prove that on both sides of the line, among the people who really represent the Canadian and American peoples, the feeling of friendliness, of the desire for closer trade relations, and of an amicable adjustment of all differences, is growing with a steady growth, and finding expression in many places. After the quarrelsome section of the press has expended its shafts of ill-natured satire and emptied the vials of its invective; when the pungent paragraph has ceased from twisting the lion's or the eagle's tail, and the slanderous cartoonist is at rest, it is pleasant to turn to such pleasing evidence as is borne in the following resolution, unanimously adopted by an important trade guild in one of the large American cities near the borders of Canada, of the wholesome spirit we refer to:

"Resolved, That the Boston Fish Bureau send the following appeal to the president and congress of the United States:

"The members of the Boston Fish Bureau and salt and fresh fish trade, most respectfully request that there may be a joint commission appointed by the United States and the Dominion of Canada to investigate the fisheries and all the trade relations between the two countries, with a view to closer trade relations, free fisheries and free fish, as fish has always been considered the food of the people with moderate means. We believe that closer and freer trade relations and free fisheries and fish would be a great benefit to the people of the United States and increase our commerce with the world. Of all the nations of the world, those with whom we want reciprocity are those nations whose people eat, live, drink and are clothed the same as ourselves, as such people are consumers of the goods we have to sell."

We submit that the foregoing sensible and practical resolution betokens something higher than a desire to get the best of the Canadians in any bargain that may be made. We choose to accept it as one of the many signs of the times pointing towards the ultimate clearing up of most of the difficulties that now exist between the two great neighbor nations. Yet we are mindful of the words uttered recently by a Canadian statesman in relation to treaties or compacts that may be made between Canada and the United States, that the disparity in size of the two nations should have no more recognition in these treaties than the difference in size between two litigants in a law court should affect the decision of a judge or jury. We believe that American statesmen are in the main devoted admirers of fair play, and that when those great questions between their country and Canada can be settled, they will be more concerned with the putting of the treaties on a fair and square basis than in demanding or expecting Canada to play second fiddle. Canadian statesmen will be found ready to grant all that can be granted consistent with the dignity and rights of the Dominion, and jealously guarding against all attempts to over-reach or compel Canada to adopt a subservient attitude. The concluding sentence of the foregoing resolution expresses the position of Canadian traders and manufacturers to a nicety.

Professor Goldwin Smith says in the Montreal Herald regarding the criticisms of the recently published "Life of Tennyson by His Son":

"Tennyson is being glorified, not only for his poetry in praise of which every voice will join—but for his singleness, which flatters the prevailing taste. In 'Maud' he sounded, with all his power, the trumpet for the Crimean war; that war, on which, before the bodies of the slain had mouldered on the heights of Sebastopol, the very statesman who had made it looked back with sorrow, of the fruits of which after a few years not a relic remained, by which nobody gained anything except the French usurper, who wanted the support of military glory for his tottering throne. And what was the martial bard himself doing while he urged on thousands of others to their deaths in the murderous trenches or beneath the stormy waters of the Bosphorus? He was inviting his friend Maurice in melodious strains to come to his marine villa and watch, while they sat chatting over their wine, the battleships carrying out their human freight to the Crimean necropolis."

"Is the voice of the Wor-r-ld, we hear it complain, and nobody can withhold sympathy from the poor discredited distasteful: 'The World is in thorough accord with the Toronto Globe in its issue of the 17th inst., that the Liberals should be held to their ante-election promises.' British Columbia, I.e., Senator Janus C. MacLagan, has got to be settled with as regards pledges made to the people of the province (i.e., Senator Janus

C. MacLagan) prior to the 23rd day of June, 1897."

Our numerous contemporary "round the corner" is angry. Denied by cruel fate the saving grace of humor it tries to make up for lack of "wit" by affecting a ponderosity and wisdom that gods and men can see best fit it not. Sooth, it gets monotonous poking fun at this irresponsible bulk; we shall soon quit it in disgust. While thanking the Colonist for the timely hint as to labels, on which it ought, by this time, to be a passable authority, we must crave leave to write our contemporary down what Dogberry wanted to be written down. Qu'en sabe?

The following gem of purest ray serene is from the columns of that great well of English, undined, the incomparable Vancouver Wor-r-ld; it shows to what Homerio, or, rather, Pindaric, heights the splendid imagination and skookum rhetoric of the clever young spallie who editorializes for Senator MacLagan can soar when he needs must:

"Here is Victoria pulling, and successfully pulling, for the Yukon traffic, Seattle opening its doors to the busy trade that is bound to enter in, while Vancouver, with its dark mantle of smothering hypocrisy, sits idly by awaiting events, only to mourn its absolute incompetency to deal with events when the opportunity has gone by."

The Colonist is merely coolly impertinent in its remarks this morning about the sealing award. We can tell that unconsciously humorous journal that it has small reason for its absurd complacency, for we have heard prominent sealers in Victoria say things about that editorial on the sealing award which appeared in the Colonist last week which were the reverse of flattering. Will not the Colonist take a friendly hint and climb down off the dictatorial pedestal, and cease making its of the laughing stock of reflective people by its ludicrous attempts to pose as the literary and philological critic and the Solomon of the provincial press?

We beg to draw the Colonist's attention to the interview which we publish to-day with Mr. H. Atkinson. We fear our esteemed contemporary has allowed a very pardonable admiration and enthusiasm for courage to carry it too far; and we sympathize with the Colonist in the awkward position into which its rather too exuberant feelings and undoubtedly abnormal credulity have led it. The Colonist has been hoaxed very badly, that is all; and it should at once apprise the public of the fact and "lay" for the miscreants who did the fooling and annihilate them with a club.

We draw our readers' attention to the prospectus and list of directors of the British American Corporation, which we publish in another column to-day. This is the most powerful financial organization that has ever sought a field for its enterprise in Canada. British Columbia is fortunate in being able to attract a company so capable of opening up its boundless resources as this one is. The company are to be equally congratulated; for who can doubt that magnificent returns await their efforts?

Here is a delightful Christmas Mac's-in from the one and only Wor-r-ld: "It is good for brethren to dwell together in unity." The Wor-r-ld on the 20th inst. says: "They (newspaper editors) shall be branded as colonial fabricators. Come, now, ye journalistic assassins, trot out your evidence!" Ahem! The Wor-r-ld's right hand forgot what the left had been about just there.

A FOOLISH OLD MAN.

An Unsophisticated Michigan Farmer Learns a Lesson.

Niles, Mich., Dec. 29.—Lawrence Walters, an aged farmer, residing three miles north of Wayland, Cass county, had no faith in banks, and instead he placed his savings, consisting of about \$2,500 in greenbacks, \$4,000 in government bonds and notes, mortgages and other valuable papers, in a tin pan. This he buried beneath the floor in the barn some months ago, and has been in the habit of visiting the hiding place every day to see if it was getting any safer. This morning when he made his customary visit he discovered that robbers had been there and his fortune had disappeared. The old man is almost crazed over his loss.

PASSENGERS.
Per steamer Kingston from the Sound—W. G. Pearce, J. S. Rankin, S. L. Cook, D. W. Johnston, F. Lee, Ed. Lester, H. Grainville, W. Steiner, F. V. Bodwell, G. Miller, C. A. McMillan, J. T. Lancaster, J. Dumville and wife, R. L. Esterbrook, G. O. McKee, J. O. Norburn, Mrs. Norburn, A. P. Pitt, F. E. Phee, A. Ferguson, B. O. Kempelman, J. W. Braden, R. S. Smith, W. N. Bosworth, H. Smith, D. Jones, H. Traier, L. Donald, Mrs. Chapman.

CONSIGNEES.
Per steamer Kingston from the Sound—E. O. Prior & Co., Lewis & Lester, W. Russell, Post & Maguire, T. N. Hibben & Co., J. A. McMillan, J. T. Lancaster, J. Dumville, Brookes, J. Pierce, Langley & H. Bros. L. & Lester, Okell & Morris, H. O. Beeton & Co.

There is no medicine in the world equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of throat and lung diseases. This is a fact that has been proven in numberless cases. Here is a sample of thousands of letters received: "I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy while suffering from a severe throat trouble, and found immediate and effective relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."—Edgar W. Whittemore, Editor Grand River (Ky.) Herald. For sale at Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

Many articles suitable for Xmas presents at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.



Off With The Old.

As the Old Year is cast off like an old shoe, so should you resolve to carry out the simile by casting in and selecting a new pair of our elegant '38 shoes. Just received for those who want advance styles at backward prices.

See our Windows for Big Bargains This Week

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If you go to the Klondike, be sure that your outfit is LIGHT and that you have something WARM to sleep in. The lightest known substance is Elderdown. It is warmer than anything else in the world. The "Alaska Brand" sleeping bag has double linings of Elderdown, besides a lining of warm, gray wool, and is covered on the outside with a strong canvas. It is warmer than whole stacks of blankets, weighs 14 lbs., and is not injured by rain or snow.

The entire Government expeditions were equipped with these bags. The best houses on the Coast handle this bag, every one of which is labelled with our name. If your dealer has not got them in stock, and refuses to get one, send us money order for \$24.50 and we will see that one reaches you promptly WITHOUT ANY FURTHER CHARGE.

For our Elderdown Cap and Hood see advertisement in next number.

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The Alaska Feather & Down Co., Limited,

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Merchants, Cab Drivers and all who have to be out in the winter, wear Buckingham & Hecht's NOVA SCOTIA SEAL CORK-SOLE SHOES. They keep the feet warm and dry. Made of absolutely water-proof leather.

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VICTORIA, B.C., and Dyea, Juneau, Sitka, Skagway, Wrangell.
E. E. BLACKWOOD, Agent. Reasonable rates on Bullion, Specie, Merchandise, etc.

THE POPE ON CUBA

His Holiness Sends an Important Communication to the Spanish Government.

Declares Emphatically That the Vatican Upholds Any Form of Legal Government.

New York, Dec. 29.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Washington says: It is current news in Catholic circles that on Christmas day the Pope made a very important communication to the Cuban war and the attitude of the Vatican towards Spain in the present crisis.

About three weeks ago it became known that it had been represented to the Pope that the cause of Spain was lost in Cuba. This was so powerfully influencing European opinion that the Pope took occasion on Christmas to address an important communication to his apostle at Madrid. The Pope declares emphatically that the Vatican upholds any form of legal government which is not anti-Catholic in its character. He then proceeds to discuss the Spanish situation and calls the Carlists to account, stating that they, no less than the other subjects of Spain, owe implicit allegiance to the reigning monarchy and must not attempt to use the cloak of religion to cover the purposes that are directed to the proper aims and objects of the church.

Discussing the Cuban question, a statement is made that the Vatican has never made any decision or announcement that could be construed into an approval of the Cuban cause, or disapproval of the course of Spain. It is suggested that where possible the rigors of war should be abated. Notwithstanding this the pronouncement is a distinct victory for the reigning dynasty.

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WANTED—A millinery trimmer for N. A. Adams, by March Street, Apt. 2, station salary, \$100 per month, Victoria.
WANTED—General servant, good, plain cooking, small family. References required. Apply, Rosabelle, before 12 noon, or after 6 p.m.
WANTED—Girl to assist in housework. Apply at once, 57 Kingston street, James Bay.
WANTED—Position as housekeeper by experienced person, country preferred; good references. "B," this office.

GARDENER WANTED—in January. Apply by letter, with references as to character and experience, to Bishop's Close, Victoria, B.C.

HOME WORK FOR FAMILIES.—We want the services of a number of families to do work for us at home. Good steady pay for the whole or spare time. The work we do, and returned to us by parcel post as desired. For particulars ready to commence send name and address. The S. A. Supply Co., Robinson Hall, London, Ont.

WATERS' Short Black Coats, all sizes. Gilmore & McCandless, 601-603-605

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Fine brick cottage, well furnished, good locality. Address, O. H. Times office.

FOR SALE—A two-story house on Broughton street, to be removed at once. Apply Victoria Transfer Co., Ltd., 23 Broughton street. de16-17

FOR SALE—238 acres in South Cowichan, with extensive water frontage on Satchell Channel. Two lots running from base street to Churchway, Victoria. Easy terms. Apply to S. Perry Mills, Victoria, B. C. de2-1m

FULL SALE—Good sheep run on Cortes Island; excellent land, good stock; three miles from shore, P. O. and school; price moderate. Apply Alex. Philip, Auctioneer, Victoria. de16-17

FOR SALE—The fixtures, furniture and stock of the Half Baiter, Fort street. Immediate possession given. Apply to A. W. Barnett, on the premises, or to Wm. Harrison, 67 and 69 Johnson street. aug12-17

TO LET.

TO LET—Store and offices on Broad st., at reasonable rent. Apply to J. S. Bell, street, 113; Green street, 24; Kane street, 115; two cottages on Michigan st., 51 each; two cottages on North Chatham st., 55 each; corner Cadboro Bay Road and Oak Bay Avenue, 510; No. 23 Princess Avenue, 51; No. 101 Johnson street, 510. A. W. More & Co., 56 Government st.

OFFICE TO RENT—Three offices in new Bank of Montreal building. Apply to J. W. Harrison, 67 and 69 Johnson street. For particulars apply R. C. Electric B'y. Co., Ltd.

TO LET—Furnished room, suitable for student. Near Pandora car. Apply F. C. H. Box 294, City. de27-17

TO LET—The Commercial Hotel, Douglas street. Apply R. Porter & Sons, Douglas street.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—in the Cathedral schoolroom or on Rae and Blanchard streets, a diamond brooch. Finder will be suitably rewarded on returning to this office. de18-17

WOOD AND COAL.

VICTORIA WOOD AND COAL YARD, corner Government and Discovery. All kinds of fuel for sale at lowest current rates. Your order solicited. Delivery free. Also steam wood sawing done. Telephone 140. A. C. Howe. ju16

MISCELLANEOUS.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—English vs. Colonies at Caledonia grounds, New Year's Day. Kick off 2 p.m. Admission, 10 cts., grand stand free.

MRS. DR. C. C. CHAMBERS, the celebrated Clairvoyant and Medium, Brunswick Hotel, Room 1.

MISS HOWES, Test Medium, 124 Douglas street. Do you wish to know if you will succeed in the Klondike, or in business, or in your love affairs, consult her. She predicted the unsuccessful return of the steamer Bristol and the estate are some number of missing claims in the United States and British Columbia. Readings from \$1 up. Hours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

USE ADVENT FLOUR—A pure, fine whole wheat flour. Mrs. E. Hunt, Rockland Avenue, sole agent. Orders taken at Speed Bros. grocery. dec 1-1m

JOHN MAXWELL, DECEASED—All persons having claims or demands on the estate of John Maxwell, late of Burgoyne Bay, Salt Spring Island, B. C., are requested to send the particulars to Mr. James Maxwell, of Burgoyne Bay, Salt Spring Island, or Mr. James Lunney of the same place, the executors. And all persons indebted to the estate are requested to pay such debts to one of the executors above named. Dated 27th Nov. 1897. Bodwell, Irving & Trust Solicitors for executors, 2 Broughton St. Victoria, B. C. nov7

A. & W. WILSON, PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS, Bell Hangers and Tinsmiths. Dealers in best descriptions of Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc. Ship-ping supplied at lowest rates. Broad street, Victoria, B.C. Telephone call 126.

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JULIUS WEST, GENERAL SCAVENGER, successor to John Dougherty. Yards and cesspools cleaned, contracts made for removing earth, etc. All orders to James Fell & Co., Fort street, grocers; John Cochran, cor. Yates and Douglas streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 50 Vancouver street. Telephone, 150.

PIANO TUNER.

GIDEON HICKS,

who has changed his headquarters from Vancouver to Victoria, will attend promptly to orders left at T. N. Hibben & Co.'s Address care Rev. J. P. Hicks, No. 6 Springfield Avenue, Victoria West.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Cleanings of City and Prov. clal News in a Condensed Form.

—The Companions of the Forest will hold a seasonal ball New Year's eve in A.O.U.W. Hall.

—Copies of the Municipal Voters' List can be obtained at the city clerk's office at ten cents each.

—For Xmas presents—Children's fur sets at the Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street. John Partridge.

—Glassware just received and for sale cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co.'s 80 Douglas street.

—The managers of the St. William Wallace Hall have arranged for a ball to be held on New Year's eve.

—"Mother Goose's Christmas Party" and "Britannia, the Ocean Queen," will be presented shortly by the pupils of St. John's Sunday school.

—Samples of 98 Brantford bicycles have arrived at Oulson & Plimley's, Broad street. Good second-hand bicycles for \$20 and \$30.

—You want a treat. Try the Queen's mince pie, made from the recipe of the Queen's chef, and manufactured by Her Majesty's chef, prepared by O'Neil & Morris.

—The Victoria ladies' hockey team were defeated yesterday by the ladies of the Terminal City by five goals to one. The Victoria team was short several players, the vacancies being filled from the Vancouver club.

—The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. McInnes will receive at Government House on New Year's day, from two to six o'clock. Mrs. McInnes will be at home to callers every Thursday thereafter, from three to half past five o'clock.

—If any of our readers have poultry feathers for sale (geese, duck, hen or turkey feathers) they will do well to communicate with the Alaska Feather and Down Company, who give highest market price for all Canadian feathers. The address of this company is 280 Guy street, Montreal; and when writing please mention this journal.

—A week of prayer will be conducted by the Ministerial Association, commencing on Monday next. On Monday services will be held in the Centennial Methodist and Emmanuel Baptist churches; on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church and on Thursday evening the regular prayer meetings will be held.

—Impressive services were held yesterday afternoon at the Centennial Methodist church, the occasion being the funeral of the late Thomas S. Bone. Rev. J. F. Betts officiated. The interment took place at Ross Bay cemetery, the following gentlemen acting as pallbearers: Noah Shakespeare, Captain McCulloch, W. Andean, J. Kinsman, J. W. Carey and D. Spencer.

—Jim, a Nitinat Indian, was up before Magistrate Macrae in the provincial court charged with endeavoring to sell a hen pheasant. He was convicted, but as he was the first Indian brought before the magistrate for an infraction of the game act, he was discharged with a warning. Two Chinamen are before the magistrate this afternoon to answer to a charge of assaulting one of their countrymen at the Goldstream water works.

—Christmas treats are the order of the day. Last evening the pupils of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday school spent the evening together; this afternoon the children of the R. C. Sunday school enjoyed theirs, and this evening there will be a good time at the First Congregational church, in which the children of the Protestant Orphans' Home will participate. St. Barnabas' church Sunday school will celebrate this evening also.

—The inimitable comedians, Monroe and Hart, with their excellent company of twenty-two fun-making players, will on Saturday evening be seen at the Victoria Theatre in the brightest, jolliest and most attractive three-act comedy of the year, entitled "The Gay Matinee Girl." This high-class company has played to a succession of crowded houses since the initial production of their comedy and, from present indications, they will duplicate their success here. Reserved seats can be secured at Jamieson's book store.

—As has been the custom for many years past, a reception will be held in Temperance hall, Pandora street, on New Year's day between 1 a.m. and 5 p.m. This year the reception will be under the auspices of the Temperance and Cedar Hill Lodges, I.O.G.T. Refreshments will be served, and during the evening a concert under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown will be given, and some of the city's most distinguished vocalists, pianists and instrumentalists will take part, and a few short addresses will also be given by prominent clergymen of the city. Many people in Victoria at this season of the year have no friends to spend the day with, and the officers and members of these lodges will be glad to have these persons call upon them on New Year's day and partake of their hospitality. There will be no admission fee charged for the concert in the evening.

—As good as the name—the "Nugget" clear. J. C. Meiss & Co.

Hotel Victoria, Victoria, strictly first-class. Rates \$2 upwards.

—FINNAN HADDIES at R. H. Jameson's, 33 Fort street, Red Mount Store.

—Queen's mince pie, as prepared by Her Majesty's chef, prepared by O'Neil & Morris.

—The Mayor and Mrs. Redfern will be at home to receive callers from 1 to 6 p.m. on New Year's day.

—15 cent tea kettles, 15 cent dish pans and other cheap tinware at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

—John Lingard was arrested by Constable Anderson this morning charged with being found drunk on Johnson street.

—This week we offer at cost ladies' jackets, waterproofs and wrappers. John Partridge, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street.

—Pabst Bohemian, from Milwaukee, the finest beer the world ever produced, on draught at 5 cents per glass, at the Bank Exchange, the coolest, cleanest, cheapest restaurant in the city. Never closes.

—The annual Christmas entertainment of the children of Calvary Baptist church Sunday school will be held this evening at the school room of the church. Tea will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock, after which a good musical programme will be presented. Santa Claus will visit the school room during the evening's entertainment.

—The Victoria West Methodist Sunday school will hold their usual Christmas tree entertainment in Semple's hall to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. The programme will be given by the children, for which good preparation has been made, and there should be a large attendance of the friends of the school.

—Ah Song and Ah Wing, two Chinese working at Goldstream, each contributed fines of \$5 with costs to the provincial government this afternoon for the privilege of punching each other. The row began over an old coat belonging to one of them, which the other had cut up during his absence.

—On account of the injunction proceedings instituted by the plaintiff in Jameson v. the City of Victoria, the tax sale has been postponed. The argument took place yesterday before Chief Justice Davie, who reserved his judgment. Herbert Robertson for plaintiff and W. J. Taylor for defendant.

THE CARD SAFE.

The Missing Freighter Reaches Port After a Long, Rough Passage.

The long overdue freighter J. O. Card arrived at noon today with a cargo of hay and feed for the Brackman & Ker Milling Co. She left the Fraser on December 15th, and has therefore occupied two weeks upon the voyage to Victoria. The trip was a series of little runs from point to point. Soon after leaving Mud Bay her boiler sprang a leak, and at no time could she carry more than 40 to 60 pounds of steam. This was insufficient to enable her to make headway against the heavy weather, and save when the wind was favorable, she lay in any available harbor. On Sunday she arrived at James Island, as reported by the Finlay, and left for Victoria the same morning. Owing to the severe weather she was, however, obliged to put back. Another start was made yesterday afternoon, and she proceeded as far as Cadboro Bay, where she spent yesterday evening. She will be repaired here.

SEVERAL ROBBERIES.

Lot of Novelties and Other Articles Stolen From Lowenberg's Store.

A series of robberies has occurred recently, the latest to be reported being two committed last night. Lowenberg & Co.'s store on Wharf street was entered last evening and a large number of small articles, including novelties and jewellery, were stolen. The police have been unable to decide how an entrance to the store was obtained. Nothing was broken so the thief must have had a key to the front door, or the back door may have been left open.

A second robbery was committed last evening at the residence of Mrs. McDougall, at the corner of Henry and Government streets. On going to close the front door for the night Mr. McDougall found that the lock had been broken. An examination showed that a lady's gold watch, chain and guard, had been stolen.

A lot of harness was stolen last night from King's barn on Caledonia avenue.

PERSONAL.

Senator Reid is down from Cariboo. Mrs. T. L. Davis left for Nelson this morning.

E. W. Pratt returned last evening from the mainland. R. Jamieson returned last evening from Vancouver.

H. Youdale, of New York, is a guest at the Oriental.

J. A. Fullerton, of the C.P.R., Vancouver, is in the city.

Wm. C. Fraser, of Rossland, is a guest at the New England.

Dr. A. J. Carroll and wife, of Vancouver, are at the Oriard.

Hamilton Abbott has returned from California, fully restored to health.

Mrs. and Miss Hayward have to-morrow evening on a visit to California.

E. Ingham, manager of the Italian Grand Opera Co., is in the city.



"NAME ON EVERY PIECE."
LOWNEY'S
Chocolate Bonbons.

We have just received a fresh shipment of these Delicious Confections.

JOHN COCHRANE,
CHEMIST,
Northwest Corner of Yates and Douglas Streets

SHIPPING NEWS.

The Happenings of a Day Along the Water Front.

The steamer Victoria, of the Northern Pacific line, arrived at the outer wharf this morning after spending the night at the quarantine station. She left Hongkong on November 30th and arrived at Yokohama via Fuchow, Shanghai and Kobe on December 13th. She left for Victoria on the following morning. A strong northerly monsoon was experienced on the coast, and after leaving the Japanese port, strong northwest to west winds were encountered to the meridian, which was crossed on December 20th in latitude 49.50 N. From thence to Victoria heavy southeast and southwest gales and thick, rainy weather were met. A strict watch for the long overdue Pelican was kept, but, as was stated in our issue of last evening, nothing was seen of her. The Victoria, however, did not go out of her course to look for the Pelican, coming across the Pacific at the 50th parallel north.

The Pelican is now out 78 days from the Sound to Tientsin, yet the officers of the Victoria have not lost hope, that is for the vessel. They are of the opinion that she has broken down in some way and is drifting about the Pacific. As for the crew, they fear that they must have suffered severely, as the Pelican had food for only forty days.

The Victoria brought nine saloon passengers: Captain J. Truebridge, Mr. J. Skinner, Mrs. John Pantan, Mrs. W. G. Pearce, Mrs. E. M. Barnby, Mrs. L. Meade. Captain Truebridge is to be in command of the Victoria when she sails again for the Orient, as Captain John Pantan, her present commander, leaves her at Tacoma to go to Glasgow to bring out the new Northern Pacific liner Arizona. Seventy steerage passengers, 40 Chinese and 30 Japanese, came over on the Victoria. She had in all 2,500 tons of Chinese merchandise: tea, silks and rice, about 250 tons of which, mostly Chinese merchandise, was landed here.

The steamer Boscowitz arrived this morning after a stormy passage from Naas and way ports. She had a light passenger list coming down, and a small quantity of freight, the principal items being a few bales of furs and a small consignment of dried salmon. Another band of 18 dogs was brought down for Klondike use, and about 50 others will arrive towards the end of the week on the steamer Mischief, which sailed about a month ago on a dog hunting expedition. The Mischief was at Namu when the Boscowitz passed down. The Boscowitz brings down the news that the steamer Cogitlam on her last trip up the coast ran on the rocks near Bella Bella. She was not severely damaged, and managed to get off the day after she struck.

The steamer Tees sailed soon after midnight with a large number of passengers for Skagway, Wrangell and northern British Columbia ports. She was followed shortly before noon by the steamer City of Seattle, which vessel carried as many as 281 passengers, the majority of whom intended to start in at once to the interior, some by way of the Stikkeen and some over the frozen lakes and rivers. The City of Topeka, which is to sail this evening, will also have a large number of passengers. Among those to embark here will be ex-Lieut. Gov. Dewdney and F. McLennan.

The Norwegian ship Ellora, formerly a P. & O. steamer, arrived from Panama this morning after a rough voyage of 61 days. During one of the heavy squalls encountered on her way north her jib boom was carried away. The Ellora will load lumber at Hastings mill for Capetown.

The steam freighter Oscar arrived this morning with a cargo of coal from Nanaimo.

The B. A. Supply Co., of London, are desirous of employing a number of families to do work at home for them. See their advertisement in our "Wanted Help" column.

—For Xmas presents—Feather boas, handkerchiefs, kid gloves, umbrellas, at the Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street. John Partridge.

COLUMBIA FLOURING MILLS CO. ENDERBY AND VERNON
BRANDS: Hungarian, Premier, ★★★★★ and ★★★★★
Specialty Adapted for Klondike
R. P. RITHET & CO., Victoria, Agents.

Corduroy Knickers.

It's the same old story: you buy your boy a pair of pants, and he wears a hole in them in a week, at most two weeks. What can you do? Get him his next pair of Corduroy. He can't wear them out in a week, nor a month, nor two months. They'll wear like iron, look well all the time, and cost no more than the wear-out kind.

\$1.00 Pair
Sizes 3 to 10 years. But only a few pairs in this first lot. If you want any better buy quick.

Cameron,
The Cash Clothier,
55 Johnson Street

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.
England v. Colonies.

The following is the team to represent the Britishers in their return match against the Colonies on New Year's day at the Caledonia grounds. Great care has been taken in choosing the men, and as it is a considerably stronger side than they had in the last match they have great hopes of turning the tables on the powerful Colonials. Should any of the members whose names follow be unable to play, they are requested to notify A. T. Goward as soon as possible: F. J. Poulkes, A. Schofield, H. B. Haines, S. Bayne, J. Hennesworth, A. T. Goward, Loveland, Atkins, H. Little, Spain, C. Schwengers, R. M. A. F. Fitcher, Bullock, H. A. Goward.

BASKET BALL.

At the Drill Hall this evening the J.B.A.A. and No. 2 Company teams will meet in the third league match. The teams follow:
No. 2 Company—J. Northcott, W. E. Winsby, W. N. Winsby, K. Schofield, T. P. Patton, Richardson and Hartnagle.
J.B.A.A.—C. L. Cullin, A. L. Belfry, W. L. B. Young, F. Widdowson, C. McNeill, W. Stephen and A. Finlaison.

THE WHEEL.

Match Arranged Between Cracks.
New York, Dec. 29.—The money is up binding the match between Jay Eaton the "Indoor King," and August Lehr, the German, for a race in mile heats, unpaced. The bet is \$1,000 a side at present. Both men are confident that the sum may be greatly increased before the races are started.

THE CITY'S EXCHEQUER.

At the meeting of the city council this morning the mayor read a statement prepared by the auditor showing approximately the balance on hand at present. The balance on hand, all bills paid, was \$2,069; not counting the \$1,910 voted by the finance committee this morning. As the liquor licenses and other receipts are yet to come in there will be a surplus, though not a large one, when the present council go out of office.

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A special consignment of the newest offerings in
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just to hand. We have them in three colors and the very latest styles and reasonable prices.
Samuel Sea, Jr.
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Klondike
In January, the whole of the large and well selected stock of
HATS and GENTS' FURNISHINGS
will be ABSOLUTELY sold at cost. AS THIS IS BONA FIDE, AN INSPECTION IS INVITED.

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39 Gov't St., next to Redfern's.

Silver Toilet Articles.
Those dainty necessities for my lady's bureau or dressing table, just the things for HOLIDAY PRESENTS, at prices that make the purchaser enquire if they are really Sterling Silver. They are made from the finest of Sterling Silver, after the latest patterns.
C. E. REDFERN,
43 Government St.

That Boy of Yours

...To Say Nothing of Papa's GIRL

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THE BRIDGE SUITS

The City Solicitor and Barrister Receive Extra Remuneration for Their Services.

The Discussion in Reference to the Bill of Messrs. McPhillips and Williams.

The first matter taken up at the special meeting of the city council this morning was the bill submitted by Messrs. McPhillips & Williams, of Vancouver, for \$425.25 for services rendered by them in connection with the bridge suits.

The mayor in presenting the bill said they had no option but to pay it. When the matter in Vancouver required the attention of the city solicitor, and he found that the work could be done more economically by the Vancouver lawyers, he gave the work to them, when it was more economical for him to go to the Terminal City to attend to matters he went himself.

Ald. Vigilius thought the city council should have been informed of the matter.

The mayor said that when peremptory business came up, he saw it was attended to. It was not supposed that the city solicitor would come to him every day to report what he had done during the day.

Ald. McCandless said it was impossible.

Ald. Kinsman thought no one knew of this bill save Mr. Mason, but if the mayor knew he was satisfied.

Ald. Partridge said that while the city would have to pay that bill, it would have been better to keep Mr. Mason there for about three weeks.

Ald. McCandless pointed out that the services rendered by Messrs. McPhillips & Williams extended over a year. He thought that it was better to settle it, and move that the Vancouver lawyers be paid \$410. This was carried.

Before the matter of the request of the city solicitor for extra remuneration came up, Ald. Vigilius wanted to know who was going to pay the costs in the Gordon case.

The city solicitor thought the unfortunate people who brought the test cases should have their costs paid by the city.

The following letter from the city solicitor was then read:

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen,—I now have the honor to send you my charges, in addition to my salary, in respect to the additional and unforeseen work in connection with the large number of actions arising from the Point Elliot bridge accident, namely, the action of the Consolidated Railway Company against the city to restrain the corporation from building a bridge without making same suitable for all the wants of the company; the action of the city against the company for breaking down the bridge; the action of the company against the city for damages; and the seventy-two actions of the surviving sufferers and the relatives of those who were killed, against the city for damages sustained by the accident.

The by-law by which I was appointed solicitor to the corporation—"The Police Magistrate and Legal Advisers' Appointment By-Law, 1888, Amendment By-Law, 1895, No. 252—provides (section 4), that I "shall commence and diligently prosecute all actions that may necessarily be commenced and prosecuted by the corporation, and shall diligently defend on behalf of the corporation all actions that may be brought against the said corporation. But is provided by section 6 of the by-law that I shall have authority to recover and collect, on behalf of the corporation, all lawful costs in all actions proceedings in which the corporation shall be interested, and to retain the same as part of my remuneration, in addition to my salary, and shall pay thereout to Mr. Taylor all his fees allowed as part of any such costs.

The action of the Consolidated Railway Company for an injunction was dismissed on the 2nd day of February, 1897, by the full court, the company being ordered to pay all the costs. My costs in that action would tax at \$400, exclusive of the counsel's fees to which Mr. Taylor would be entitled, but it has been impossible to collect any portion of them, the Consolidated Railway Company having no assets.

The action against the company (instituted by direction of Hon. Robert Beaven), and the cross action by the company against the city will lapse in due course for want of prosecution.

Of the seventy-two actions against the city in respect of damages sustained by the sufferers, three have been tried, namely, the action of Gordon v. the city, Patterson v. the city and Lang v. the city.

The action of Gordon v. the city was dismissed with costs to the defendants. The plaintiff is now appealing to the full court. Whatever the result of that appeal may be there is no chance of the corporation obtaining any costs from the plaintiff—even if it were advisable in such a case to resort to the extreme measure of issuing execution—for the solicitor will be sure to protect the insurance money in some way. Therefore, in that case again, Mr. Taylor and myself will be benefited by the poverty of the plaintiff from recovering the costs to which we were justly entitled. It appears to Mr. Taylor and myself that in such a case we are entitled to charge our clients with the costs of the successful defence in the ordinary way.

The Patterson and Lang actions have so far resulted in favor of the plaintiffs. The Patterson action is to be carried to the jury court. The Lang action will come before the full court in January next.

The plaintiff's costs in the Patterson action were delivered at \$5,731.08. I attended the taxation and they were reduced to \$2,765.00. I then appealed to Judge Bole, who gave directions which resulted in their reduction to \$2,000.00 and from his decision I again appealed to the full court in consequence of evidence given by Cox, and Mr. Cassidy appeared at

Vancouver on the appeal which was allowed and will result in a further reduction, the amount of which I cannot at present ascertain. Mr. Macdonnell's costs of the appeal have not yet been taxed, but he expects to bring the total amount up to \$3,000.

It has always been open to the corporation, Mr. Taylor and myself to determine at any time the engagement made by the by-law, and Mr. Taylor and myself would have done so had there been any occasion, but it was seen by last year's council, and I think, by your honorable body as well, that a state of things had arisen, both in respect of the number of litigants and their inability to pay costs, that had never been contemplated when the by-law was passed, and all were satisfied to perform the additional duties, trusting to be able to satisfy the council as to the value of the work done.

I am satisfied that if my costs are taxed, they will amount to much more than my salary added to the \$1,000 I now propose to charge, and, if the council would prefer it, I am willing to accept taxed costs, allowing off the amount \$1,000 of my salary, treating the other \$500 of salary as remuneration for attending the council meetings and the preparation of by-laws. Since the action got beyond the initial stages I have been unable to attend to any other business and have been obliged to pay office rent, clerks, lighting, telephone, etc., out of my salary, leaving the net amount very small. The defendant's costs of the Patterson and Lang actions, if taxed, amount to more than the plaintiffs', because, although the expenses of their witnesses might be more I had all the labor of preparing the appeal books, which form a large item in the Patterson case, and my clerks and myself had to devote a number of evenings to get the books completed in time.

This charge of \$1,000, is, of course, in addition to Messrs. McPhillips & Williams costs in the various matters. They allow me "agency," which they would not to the corporation.

If your honorable body cannot pay me this year in consequence of shortage of funds, I request that in referring my account to your successors in office you will do so with a recommendation that it be paid.

I have the honor to be gentlemen, Your obedient servant, C. DUBOIS MASON, City Solicitor.

Ald. Partridge objected to the payment of the extra \$1,000. He considered the city solicitor should have come to the council beforehand, and an agreement could then have been made. "We have paid his expenses to and from Vancouver," said Ald. Partridge, "and I decidedly object to the payment of this extra amount."

Ald. Kinsman concurred, as did Ald. McCandless, who, however, though objecting to the payment of \$1,000, thought that the city solicitor was entitled to something extra.

Mr. Mason explained that Mr. Taylor, the city barrister, and himself, had expressed themselves last year that they would expect extra remuneration on account of the extra work, but they had decided to let the matter stand until the extra services were rendered. If the bills were taxed, he said, the expenses of the council would be considerably higher than the amount he was asking. During the next year there would be a large increase of work, and the prevailing opinion was that the legal expenses of the city would be very high. In his address to the grand jury, the Chief Justice gave it as his opinion that they would run as high as \$50,000. Next year, besides a number of other suits, there would be the appeal cases of Patterson to the Privy Council and Lang to the Full Court.

Ald. Stewart said that in consideration of the extra work he thought the city solicitor should receive some extra remuneration, but \$1,000 was too much. The mayor did not think the amount was out of place. He thought \$500 would be inadequate.

Ald. McCandless then moved that the sum of \$500 be voted to Mr. Mason. Mr. Mason pointed out that \$500 was only \$42 per month, which would not pay out his salaries.

The motion was carried. Ald. Partridge dissenting.

The matter of the request of the city barrister for \$2,000, for which he agreed to look after the city business in connection with the bridge suits until June 30th was then considered.

Ald. McCandless moved a resolution that Mr. Taylor be paid an extra \$1,000 at the end of the year and another \$1,000 on his giving a written agreement to defend the city cases in connection with the bridge suits until June 30, 1898, without making extra charges. Ald. Hall seconded this motion, which was carried.

The finance committee reported recommending the appropriation of \$1,000, \$410 for Messrs. McPhillips & Williams, \$500 for Mr. C. D. Mason, and \$1,000 for Mr. W. J. Taylor. This report was adopted and the amount ordered to be paid.

The council then adjourned.

RECONSTRUCTION OF GIBRALTAR.

The British stronghold Gibraltar, standing at the entrance to the Mediterranean sea, is being reconstructed by the government engineers. The plans provide for the modernizing of everything about it, and making it not only more impregnable as a fortress than ever, but also more useful as a dockyard and naval station. Among other improvements which are being made is the construction of docks large enough for the largest battleship afloat. Some of the old landmarks on and about the great docks are disappearing under the influence of the improvements. One of the first steps preparatory to the construction of the long proposed docks was the demolition of the old clock tower, which has stood the time to the inhabitants of the rock for over a hundred years. Together with the tower, all the old government buildings in its immediate neighborhood will be destroyed, also to make way for the docks which are to occupy the area underlying them.

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Provincial News.

GREENWOOD CITY.

It is reported that Dr. Higginbottom, the provincial veterinary surgeon, who has been criticized regarding the tieup of teams at Grand Forks, is suing the Boundary Creek Times for libel for calling him a "quack."

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—Mr. Skene, vice-president of the Golden Cache, was seen to-day by a reporter regarding the rumor that Golden Cache was being manipulated. Mr. Skene said: "The 30 day test, the result of which has just been given, is as far as it goes, a fair test. The fact of the matter is that the company have been deceived by the visible free gold which showed abundantly in pockets through the ore, and apart from the visible gold the ore was low grade."

From another source it was learned that five tons of this pocket ore was put through and cleaned up some \$215 a ton, one third of what the entire 750 tons went. Without the pocket ore some \$3.10 a ton was obtained.

MIDWAY.

Petitions are, it is said, being circulated in this district, asking the Dominion government to bonus Mr. Corbin's proposed line through the Boundary country. The announcement—already briefly noted—is hailed with satisfaction in some quarters, that Mr. Corbin's agents have given notice of application to the Dominion parliament to incorporate a company to construct a railway from a point on the international boundary line at or near Cascade City, British Columbia, thence in a westerly direction following the valley of the Kettle river to a point on the boundary line, at or near Carson; also from another point on the boundary line, at or near Midway, thence northerly, following the valley of Boundary Creek, to a point about twenty miles north of Midway, and at the boundary line to connect with and to operate the whole in conjunction with the railway line of the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company.

KASLO.

On Wednesday last, Chas. Borene, the Whitewater hotel keeper, was arraigned before the Justices of the Peace—Green and Chipman, upon the coroner's warrant charging that he "did unlawfully kill and slay one Albert Ashton." The deceased, it will be remembered, was found frozen near here, and it is claimed that Borene assaulted him a short time previous, and so weakened Ashton that he indirectly caused his death. The hearing was adjourned till to-morrow.

Mr. W. J. H. Holmes, C.E. of this city, has been engaged by the chairman of the water and sanitary committee of the municipal council, in collaboration with the water commissioner, to make an inspection of a creek entering Kaslo river from the south; a short distance below Kemp's Springs, in order to determine the quantity and flow of water and its availability as a source of supply in case the present source is unfavorably contaminated by the working of the Montana concentrator to be started this week. The water commissioner has been advised of the shipment from the National Tube Works at McKeesport, Pa., of 3,500 feet of six inch pipe, 1,700 feet of three inch pipe and 1,900 pounds of fittings.

"Why do you persist in looking at the moon and sighing?" she asked while gently steering their course toward the early emporium.

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Tom—Will you call for help if I attempt to kiss you?

Maudie—Yes, if necessary; but I don't see why a big, strong man like you should require any help.—Chicago Record.

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A MONSTER RED DEER.

The Largest Specimen Ever Killed in the State of Missouri.

A monster red deer, probably the largest ever killed in Missouri, or in the South, is hanging in St. Louis.

The great buck was killed near Kennett, in Southeast Missouri. The carcass weighs 220 pounds, and it looks as big as a young steer. From the tail to the tip of the antlers the buck is nearly eight feet long. When hung by the tendons of the hind legs to the hooks in the wall, five feet above the ground, head and neck are on the floor.

Men in the commission and game business say it is the largest red deer they ever saw. Usually the grown bucks of this species tip the scales at between 150 and 170 pounds. Blacktail deer from the north usually run about 220 pounds, but the season of the red deer is said by connoisseurs to have a finer flavor than the meat of his northern cousin.

Nat Wetzel says the deerlayers of southern Kentucky have been hunting that buck for three years. Every season a dozen men would see him in the woods or swamps, and one or two of them would get shots at him, but he was a feisty buck and always managed to keep out of range.

Three weeks ago Mr. Wetzel and his wife were making a trip through Missouri and stopped several days at Kennett. While there Mr. Wetzel went deer hunting with a celebrated hunter called "Shorty," because he is 6 feet 3 inches tall.

Mr. Wetzel killed a small buck and "Shorty" put the dogs through a run where the 220 pound buck had last been seen, but he was not to be found.

"Shorty" said it was the ambition of his life to kill that buck, and he swore that Mr. Wetzel should have him before he was back in St. Louis a month.

"Shorty" let go everything else and devoted all his time to hunting for that deer. For three weeks he hunted him every day. Tuesday morning "Shorty" was on the stand while his partner was driving the hounds through a hummock about seven miles from Kennett. The deer came good and strong toward "Shorty's" stand. At a range of about fifty yards "Shorty" stepped from behind his blind. He is an unerring shot, and before that buck could turn the hunter pumped a load of buckshot into the front of his breast and lower neck, just above the shoulders. The buck fell to his knees and the hunter's knife split his jugular. The venison was ready for the St. Louis market a week before the time limit "Shorty" had set for the job.—Kansas City World.

AMERICAN HUMOR.

Specimens of the Article as Denominated by the English.

Mark Twain's recent cablegram to the effect that the report concerning him is all a lie and that he has not paid his debts recalls the playfulness of Artemus Ward and the famous jest of Mr. Whistler. "N. B." the former used to put on his programmes, "Mr. Ward will pay no bill, of his own contracting." Nor, for that matter, would Mr. Whistler. A few years ago the latter's creditors had a meeting and submitted a second proposition. The result was the same. "But, Mr. Whistler," the spokesman expostulated, "we are merely trying to get you out of your difficulties." "My difficulties," he cried, in great astonishment; "my difficulties, did I understand you to say? Why, gentlemen, these are not my difficulties; they are yours."

Now, that is a very fine specimen of what the English call American humor. It would be lovely if there were more like it. But as a commodity it is getting scarce. Apart from Mark Twain, there is no one to whom you can turn for it now. Artemus Ward is forgotten. Petroleum Venus Nash belonged to prehistoric times. Bill Nye has departed. Even Josh Billings is dead. And more is the pity, too. Billings was not only a humorist, he was a sage. No one who was not both could have said, "Plattery is like Kolone water, few be smelt of, not swallowed;" or, by the same token, put the true and ludicrous in a shape as concrete as this:

He who by farmin' would get rich Must dig, and plant, and ho, and sigh; Sows hard and sows, sleep hard and sows, Sows every cent, and not get rich.

ELÉCTRIC CANAL BOAT TOWING.

The mile who pulls the canal boat is to go and electricity will supplant him, just as it has already done as a motive power for street cars.

Experiments have been made on several of the American canals, notably on the Erie, in New York State, looking toward the substitution of electric haulage, and, according to l'Industrie Electrique, there is a fair prospect that similar systems will prevail on all the French canals, and that electrical energy will perform the present work of the towpath animal and do it better, more rapidly and with greater cleanliness.

At present the installation on the canal of Fairs and Deule is no longer an experiment, but an industrial enterprise. Two systems have been used—the drawing of the boat by an "electric horse" upon the towpath, or driving the boat direct by a motor. In either case, the wire is tapped by a trolley.

The "electric horse" is a motor, and it travels along the towpath, taking its current from an overhead line, which follows all the sinuosities of the water course by a rigid trolley.

The towing cable is attached between the two rear wheels. In front the single guide wheel is controlled through a beveled gear. The motor has a ring armature; the fields are in series, and it absorbs about six kilowatts. The shaft of the armature communicates motion to an endless screw of bronze, which meshes into the toothed wheel of the drivers. These are of iron, and the fellows are covered exteriorly with cords of aloes fibre to give them elasticity and augment their adherence. Inside the cab are found the necessary switchboard and the steering gear, speed regulators and brake. The front of the cab has glass sash, so that the motorman, while protected from the weather, can watch the road ahead of him.

The propeller, actuated by a motor, is a three-bladed affair, making 300 revolutions per minute.

DE LESSEPS' STATUE AT SUEZ.

M. Fremiet, the French sculptor, has finished the head of the enormous statue of the late Comte Ferdinand de Lesseps, which is to be placed at the entry of the Suez canal. The canal projector is to be represented standing, covered with an Arab headdress, and pointing towards the new waterway opened up to navigation. On one of the sides of the pedestal—which is to have a granite foundation—will be a medallion containing the portraits of the Khedives who patronized the canal.

NEW USE FOR MOSQUITOES.

In Havana, Cuba, two physicians have hit upon the happy idea of using mosquitoes to inoculate fresh arrivals in the city against yellow fever. The mosquitoes are first made to contaminate themselves by stinging a diseased person.

The inoculation brings on a mild attack of the fever, but when that has passed away the patient enjoys immunity not only from the disease, but, what is even more curious, from the bites of the insects that have saved him.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as any I claim it to be." "Since I've had your Cough Remedy, baby has been threatened with croup ever so many times, but I would give him a dose of the remedy and it prevented his having it every time." Hundreds of mothers say the same. Sold by Langley & Henderson, Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—J. A. Fullerton, R. Jamieson, Senator James Reid, H. Yendell, B. & H. H. S. Blackson, Miss Feldman, Mrs. Feldman, Dr. Carroll and wife, Mrs. Caruchael, C. M. Walker, W. F. Gore, C. N. Davidson, S. McLean, A. Charleson, E. Gratton, R. F. McLennan, W. J. Nott, D. E. Ruffe, C. McCall and wife, J. Kerr, Mr. John Barron, J. Linquest, Miss Glover, H. H. Welch and wife, S. A. Berry, Mrs. McConnell, F. S. Macleure, D. C. Stephens, John Hendry, E. W. Pratt, Mrs. W. O. McNeil, W. O. Fraser, Oliver Randall, E. O. Higginson, T. Draney, H. C. Wilson and wife, Geo. Ashton, John Mers, M. Baby, George Burn, L. W. Henry, J. Caldwell.

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ALASKA TRADE.

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A NEW PROBLEM IN LAW.

A dumb phonograph which can't read or write is providing a delicate problem in law for one of the London courts. He can plead neither guilty nor not guilty, and is unable to communicate with his solicitor, which is one of his privileges. So the question is raised whether a special act of Parliament will be required.

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FAST ATLANTIC LINE

Hon. R. R. Doherty Explains Very Fully the Present Status of the Scheme.

Peterson, Tait & Co. Ready to go on With Their Contract—Some Wicked Opposition.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Hon. R. R. Doherty is here. Talking on the present position of the fast Atlantic steamship line, he states that a letter has just been received by the government confirming the Star's special cable of some days ago, that Peterson, Tait & Co., the government contractors, had satisfied the government as to the second \$100,000 they were required to put up as security for the due execution of the contract. Unless this is carried out the whole \$200,000 will be forfeited. Mr. Doherty says that

the fact that the firm have satisfied the government in the matter of the second \$100,000 is the strongest possible assurance that they intend to execute their contract. The model of a turret steamer now on private exhibition in London Mr. Doherty declares to be a perfect ocean-going steamer, and the admiralty contractors claim for it more stability than any other steamship afloat. Owing to the engineers' strike on the other side, Mr. Doherty contends that Canada is not losing so much time as would at first appear, for nearly all the yards are now idle. The minister says it is impossible to estimate the wicked opposition made to Peterson, Tait & Co., and the unworthy methods resorted to by the opponents of their scheme.

In regard to bonding through Yukon of American goods destined for Alaska, the customs department has notified the Washington authorities that so soon as reliable transportation companies are formed, which will be in the near future, the government will accept a bond from such companies for proper transportation of dutiable goods through Canadian territory. Until that time, however, the government does not consider it practicable for a Canadian officer to accompany all American goods through Canadian territory, the distance being so great. Therefore, it is proposed to collect the duty at Tagish Lake, and when the goods pass out of Canada at Cudahy the amount will be refunded by the collector there on presentation of the receipt given at Tagish.

The premier of New Zealand has cabled the postmaster-general that the New Zealand legislature having passed the mail subsidy bill, the alternate service to Vancouver and San Francisco will commence on the 8th proximo. Hitherto the steamers carrying the mails from San Francisco have sailed sometimes within a day or so of the Vancouver steamers, but under the new arrangements made by the New Zealand government the San Francisco mails must be carried at dates intermediate with those of the Vancouver mails, so that from Canada and the United States the result will be a fortnightly mail. The first mail under the new arrangement will leave Vancouver on February 10.

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THE APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

The announcement was made in the Times some days ago, on a dispatch from our Ottawa correspondent, that Mr. P. A. E. Irving of this city had been appointed judge to fill the vacancy in the Supreme Court bench of British Columbia. The announcement has been confirmed by a dispatch to-day from the Minister of Justice to Mr. Archer Martin, the government solicitor here, stating that the appointment had been made, and that the patent would issue at an early date.

FLASHES OF FUN.

Valet (to officer's fiancée)—My lieutenant has sent me to bring you this bouquet of self-plucked forest flowers.
Fiancée—Oh, how poetic! And how long it must have taken to gather them!
Valet—Indeed, miss, it took me nearly three hours.—Boston Journal.

NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

The Spinks Inquiry—Vancouver Ladies Victorians at Hockey.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 29.—Justice McColl yesterday concluded at Westminster the official inquiry into the alleged maladministration of justice by Judge Spinks. He will report at an early date. The previous statement in regard to the commissioner's action was unjustified. It was based on an incomplete dispatch from Vernon. Full particulars of the inquiry at Vernon and Midway show that Judge McColl did everything to meet the wishes of the complainants. Most of the latter, however, failed to appear.

The Vancouver ladies' hockey team beat the Victoria five to one goals. To-night the visiting ladies will be entertained at a club dance at the Hotel Vancouver.

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